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North Ferrisburgh 1st mo 29th

Dear Cousin

R B Stevens

I think perhaps thou would like to here from Friends about here so I write (not however much in the mood) we have very plesant weather warm & nice but with every rose there is a thorn & with our warm weather we have lost our good sleighing but the Themomater stands now 12 degrees freesing & I hope we shall have a little more snow for I understand that Levi & Sarah Meader thought of comeing to Monthly Meeting & going on to the Q—r Achsah has been sick 3 weeks not able to set up onley to have her bed made: more than foure since she first commenced vomiting: yesterday she gave birth to a nice little daughter ^weighed 4 lb & was compertabile last night Sarah M Hazard has a little daughter

home the 20th she was not very smart the last I herd. the rest of our friends are in usual health for aught I know there is a considerable sickness about here Rheuben Parkers wife is now a corpse to be buried first day: there was a funeral yesterday at the Methodist house an only child nearly 4 years old her parents feel there loss we here that Esthers babe has been sick but is better; the barrell of goods thou sent come in good order in time to send with our box they wer repacked to prize wer prized at $48 our box prized at $139 the next sixth day after thy children wer here our sewing cirkle met here & 19 of us quilted 2 bedquilts & done other sewing 7th day at Andrew Holmses I will try to finish my letter so as to mail it on our way home William Dean is here ~~says~~ says Oscars wife is very low has a fever I fear for her but hope she will recover ~~yesterday~~ Achsah yesterday was distressed & vometed very bad looking matter but this morning is smart & seems like getting well Williams Deans Mother was buried last fourth day her age was 85 she was very happy seventh & first day said she thought she should not live long she was taken ~~last~~ sick that night much as unkle Clark was & died the next morning We wer very glad indeed of a short visit from thy children they seem so near to us we are allways glad to see or here from any of them I have been writing & listning to here Wm D talk & have Made so many mistakes I think I will stop Rufus joines me in love to thee and thy children Sarah A Hazard

Andrew Holmes & wife wishes to be remembered to thee